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SUBJECT: IRAQI TANKS FOR ERITREAN REBELS

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR ON REGIONAL POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS JAN 18, DCM WAS TOLD FRENCH EMBASSY KHARTOUM HAD JUST RECEIVED REPORT FROM SOURCE IN PORT SUDAN THAT SHIPMENT OF IRAQI TANKS HAS ARRIVED. TANKS ARE DESTINED FOR ERITREANS, BUT GOS HAS NOT RPT NOT DECIDED WHETHER IT WILL ALLOW TRANSFER OF THESE WEAPONS TO ERITREAN REBELS.

2. COMMENT: EMBOFF PRESENTLY IN PORT SUDAN, AND WE SHALL CHECK WITH HIM UPON HIS RETURN KHARTOUM TO SEE IF HE CAN CORROBRATE INFO PROVIDED BY FRENCH EMBASSY. WE CANNOT RECALL IRAQIS OR ANYONE ELSE PREVIOUSLY PROVIDING SUCH HEAVY EQUIPMENT AS TANKS FOR ERITREAN
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REBELS. THEREFORE, IF REPORT IS TRUE, IT SUGGESTS ESCALATION IN FIGHTING IN ERITREA LIKELY. INTERESTING TO NOTE SUDANESE PRIMIN BAKR, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE JUST COMPLETED VISIT TO BAGHDAD WHERE IT POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE DISCUSSED ERITREAN SITUATION. BREWER

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